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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

Amigurumi is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small stuffed creatures, the word is derived from Japanese words

Ami which means knitted or crocheted and

Nigurumi which means stuffed dolls

Amigurumi are different in sizes, and even if amigurumi art have been known in japan for many decades, the craft started gaining reputation in other countries mostly in the west

In 2006, this wonderful dolls were shown to be some of the most popular items in Etsy an online craft marketplace where it was sold for between \$10-100 and ever since, it has increased in popularity

Even as amigurumi is has become very popular online due to its popularity in online sites such as Pinterest, Etsy and so on, amigurumi is still a developing craft expected to increase in reputation

## CHAPTER 2

### BEST TIPS TO GET STARTED WITH AMIGURUMI

For an absolute novice, thinking about how to start amigurumi can be very difficult

Amigurumi has many pieces and types that a beginner can be easily overwhelmed and abandon making them



Before you start giving up, remember that starting any project can be very difficult initially and when you successfully figure out how to start your amigurumi, you will be able to do it without stress



When you have done it for some time, you will become a professional

The following are simple tips you should know to get started with amigurumi

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## YOU SHOULD START SMALL



Amigurumi project can sometime take a lot of your time especially for animals that have a lot of limbs

For your first project, you should start with something small that do not have a lot of assembly or fancy parts such as a little owl amigurumi

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## FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH BASIC STITCHES

Most amigurumi use basic stitches such as single crochet slip stitch and chain



Before you start, just work on the basic stitches and make sure you know them very well

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USE A WASHABLE YARN



For those that are making amigurumi for a child, it is advisable to use a yarn that is easy to wash

Acrylics and cottons are very good options for making toys

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PRACTICE YOUR SEAMING

Many amigurumi patterns needs a bit of seaming to join the various parts and sometimes this assemble can be as easy as stitching an arm

to a body, irrespective of how easy it is, you should master the basics of seaming to ensure that your amigurumi looks very neat when you are through

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## LOOK AT THE VARIOUS FACIAL FEATURES

Safety eyes, buttons, embroidery floss and felt, there are many different choices for facial features like amigurumi eyes, noses and mouths

The pattern will determine what to do, but remember that safety eyes are not advisable for small infants

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## DO NOT IGNORE GAUGE



Many amigurumi patterns shows that gauge is not important but you should consider it

In amigurumi, the most important thing is that your stitches is not lose that you have holes for stuffing to escape from

## MAKE USE OF STITCH MARKERS

Ensure you mark the beginning of the round, irrespective of if you are working in continuous rounds or rounds that are joined by a slip stitch can help know when you are in pattern

It can also help you monitor your stitch count

When you want to choose a stitch marker, go for stitch markers that you can move around

## STUFF LIKE A MASTER



Stuffing your amigurumi is probably the most simple but when you are just starting, you will discover that there are a few tricks you can use to make it very easy to stuff

It is good to stuff little by little, you do not have to wait until have stitched the whole amigurumi head and then force the whole stuffing into one small space



Stuffing is you make your amigurumi helps to ensure everything is stuffed evenly

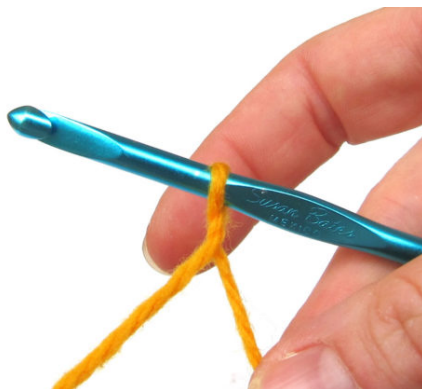
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### EASY WAY TO START AMIGURUMI

This is the easiest way to start your amigurumi

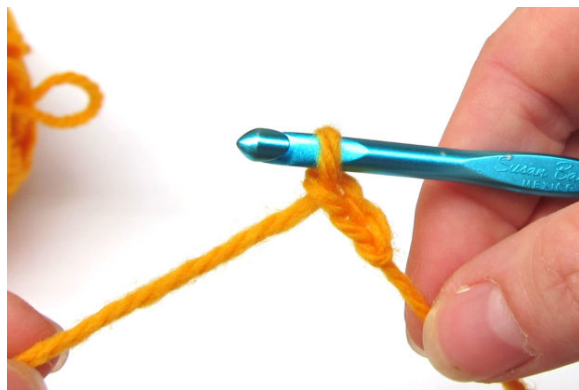
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To start, avoid making a slip knot but instead, simply twist the yarn once around the hook of your crochet



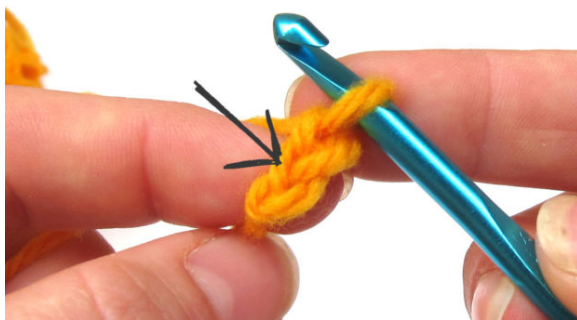
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Next chain two stitches



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Next single crochet 6 times in the second chain from hook, if you are not sure which one is the second chain, look at where the arrow is pointing



It is vital to know that you go into the second chain from the hook not the second chain that you crocheted

The loop on the hook is not counted as a stitch

This is what your piece will look like when you have done 6 single crochets and you will see a hole in the middle

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This is the final part, just pull the tail, and your hole closes up and do not bother, the hole won't open with time



If the hole does not pull closed, it means that you crocheted your 6 stitches into incorrect stitch

Now for the second round

Now that we have completed the first 6 stitches

Avoid turning your work, you will crochet the second round going around the same way you have been doing

The most difficult part about crocheting the second round is locating the next stitch you should use; it is shown in red below

To know the next stitch, since i have 6 stitches in my first round, I count my 6 stitches backward, beginning from the hook

That is where the next stitch is

That arrow there is the left over chain from the original chain, do not crochet into it but skip it

Now you know the 6 stitches, crochet twice into each of them and you have completed the second round, the rest are very easy

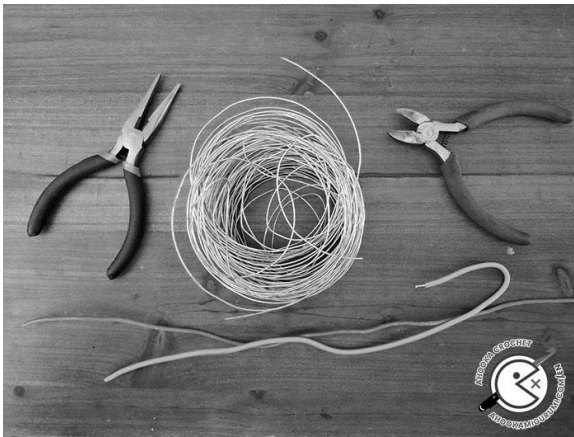
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### HOW TO MAKE YOUR AMIGURUMI AND CROCHETED DOLLS POSEABLE

To make a crocheted amigurumi involves the method shown below to produce almost any doll you want to make

The materials

You will need the following materials



Simple wire or electric wire

It is good to use both of them because of their obvious benefits

The simple wire is thinner and so can fit into smaller areas, but it is important to know that it is breakable and has less resistance; it is available in different sizes

The electric wire is made of copper that is wrapped in plastic sheaths; it is thicker and has more resistance

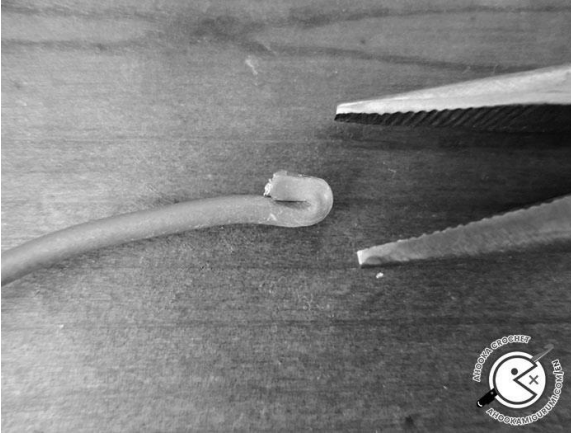
It is available in different colors which is splendid especially if you use a color matching your doll if you decide to crochet it a bit on the loose end

## Cutting pliers

This is important for cutting the electric wire to the required length

## Flat Nose Pliers

This is useful for bending the ends



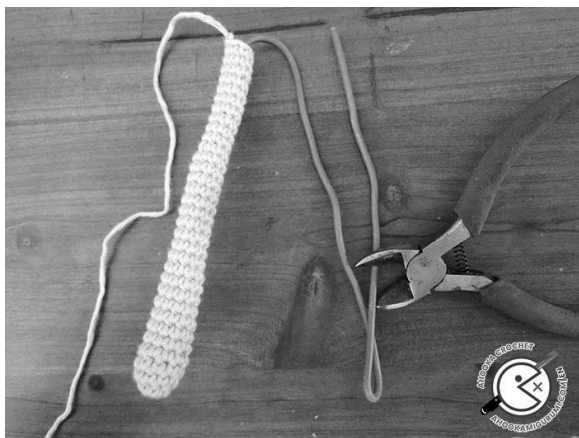
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Start by creating the wire skeleton

You will start by bending one end of the wire using the size of the doll as reference



Next insert it in the first leg then cut the length you will need for the second leg and cut it but do not bend the other side now



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Next insert the wire at the bottom of the body for the legs



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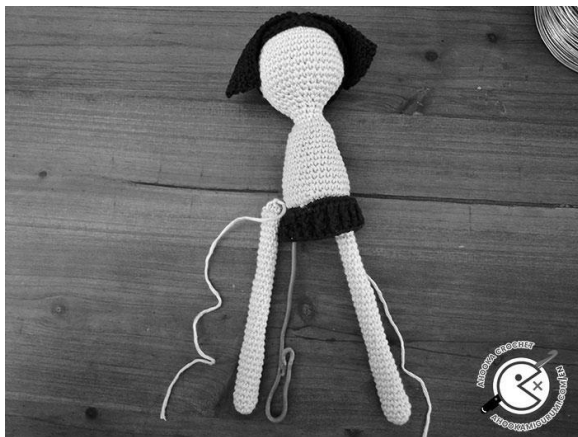
You doll will look like this



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Next fold the second end of the wire to fit the size of the second leg





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And then insert it

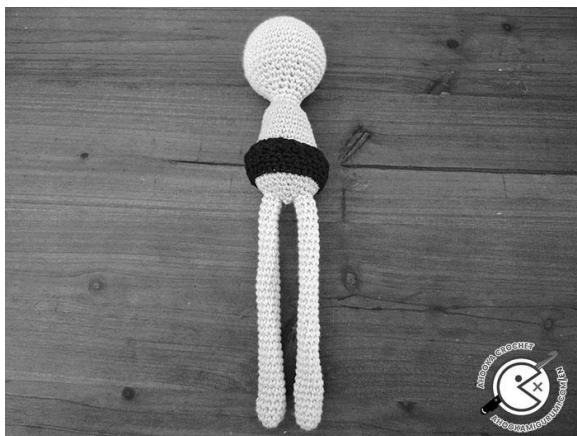




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Next sew the leg in position

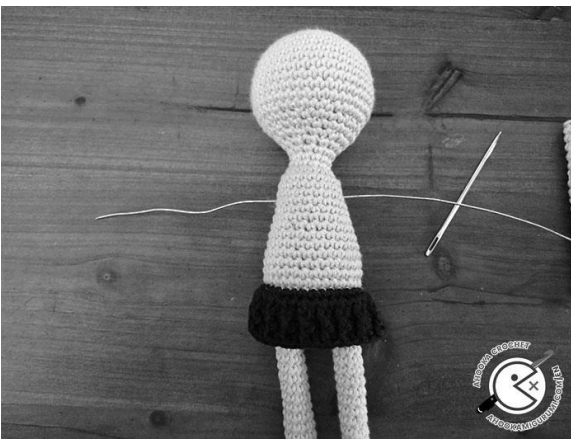




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For the arms, you will do the same way but as you have to go through the body from one side to another, it can be very difficult





The wire will push the stuffing and remove it out of shape and for you to avoid that, you should prepare the way with your needle before you insert the wire

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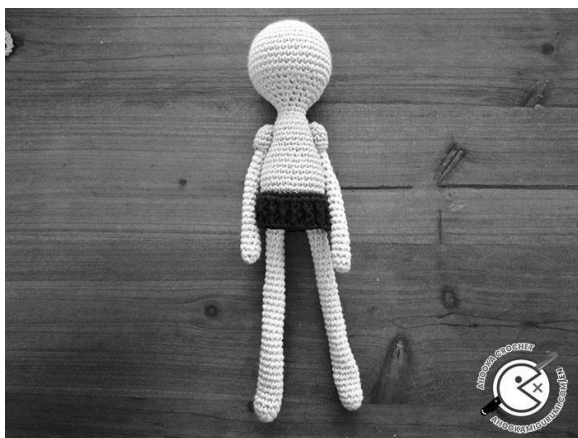
If required, you should double the wire but do not forget to bend the end





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Do the same way with the second arm and also for the second leg and sew in place



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I didn't use stuffing when i was doing this because

When the pieces to put the wire are very thin, it can be very difficult to put the stuffing

If you put it before you put the wire, you will have trouble insert the wire

If you put the wire first, you will have to stuff around and ensure you keep the wire in the middle

You should do that if the pieces are very big but when they are thin, you should simply adjust the size of the wire and do not worry yourself with stuffing

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